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telling the Camp Victory story

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Camp Victory welcomes new commandant

Story by Sgt. Joe M. Battle

MNC-I PAO

Lt. Col. Mark J. Gorton accepted responsibility as the Multi-National Corps and Multi-National Force Headquarters Commandant from Lt. Col. Timotheus Graham in a transfer of authority ceremony held at Camp Victory Saturday.

Graham served as the headquarters commandant while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with the XVIII Airborne Corps. From Iraq, Graham will return to Fort Bragg, N.C. and resume his former role as the commander of the XVIII Airborne Corps Special Troops Battalion.

Gorton comes to Camp Victory from his position as the commander of the 5th Corps Special Troops Battalion in Heidelberg, Germany.

"Fifth Corps Soldiers are ready to face the challenges together," said Gorton during his remarks at the ceremony.

"We will strive to continue the standards of excellence, set by Lt. Col. Graham, for the next rotation," he added.

Gorton also thanked his predecessor for doing a superb job of keeping high standards during his deployment here.



photo by Pfc. Sean C. Finch

Lt. Col. Mark J. Gorton, the incoming commandant of Multi-National Corps and Multi-National Forces-Iraq headquarters (left) and Sgt. Maj. Luis R. Rosario-Febus, the incoming MNC-I and MNF-I HQ sergeant major (middle) unveil the 5th Corps colors during a transfer of authority ceremony Saturday.

Victory celebrates MLK Jr. Day with ceremony

Story by

Sgt. 1st Class Laurence R.

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MNC-I PAO

The Multi-National Corps - Iraq Human Relations and Equal Opportunity office on Camp Victory hosted the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Observance luncheon in the Al Faw Palace Ballroom Monday.

This year, the focus is to honor Dr. King by engaging in service activities for their communities and neighbors. People will be celebrating with "a day on, not a day off."

"The Martin Luther King Jr.

holiday commemorates the life

and legacy of a man who helped to reawaken America's consciousness," said Lt. Col. Maggie Dunn, MNC-I HR/EO program manager.

Dr. King only lived until the age of 39, but his impact is profound and lasting, said Dunn.

There were many in attendance for the ceremony which included a powerful version of the

National Anthem sang by

Kenneth Medlock, Kellogg, Brown and Root Senior Employee assistance representative, Camp Victory, followed by various musical selections by the 4th Infantry Division Jazz Band and a video honoring the late Dr. King.

For Chief Warrant Officer 3 Clarence Rivers, chief of awards/personnel actions division, the ceremony was very

inspirational.

"This gets us back into the mindset of what Dr. King did for so many people throughout the world," he said.

"Ceremonies like this are very important for the younger troops as well," he said.

It gives them a chance to understand who Dr. King was and that he stood up for something that was very important, he said.

Additionally, this year marks the 20th anniversary of the federal holiday and for some, reaching that milestone has great significance.



photo by Pfc. Sean C. Finch

Kenneth Medlock sings the National Anthem.

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CSM Sends...

As we begin our mission here, I want to thank each and every one of you for a job well done in getting on the ground in Iraq. It took a lot of hard work, but your professionalism and can do attitude made for a successful movement into theater. But our mission is just beginning. We have a lot to look forward to. There will be both rewarding times as well as challenging times ahead. I am confident we will overcome any obstacle placed in front of us. Make no mistake, this is a very dangerous place and there are just as many dangers inside the wire as outside. Everyone must put safety as their first priority. We must follow all safety rules and regulations. It saves lives and increases mission capability. Accidents and injuries can be avoided by enforcing safety standards. We cannot afford to take this lightly for the first life saved may be your own.



CSM Ralph R. Beam

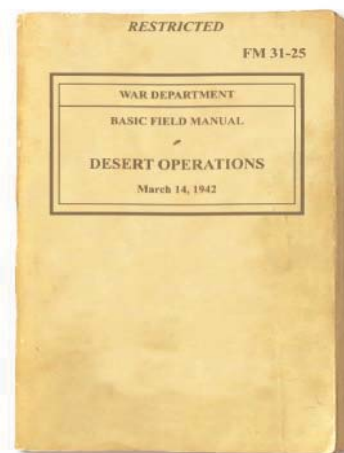
The only way this will happen is for NCOs to lead by example. It is our responsibility to enforce the standards. As it says in our NCO creed, our two basic responsibilities are to accomplish the mission and the welfare of our Soldiers. I charge each and every one of you to look out for our Soldiers.

For some this is a first deployment away from family and loved ones. Let them know they have another family here on the ground. For Soldiers who are returning for a second trip you have a wealth of knowledge and experience to share with others, do so.

There is no position in this command that is unimportant as we continue the mission of helping Iraq rebuild and bring peace to its people.

We have our order, know the mission and **"it will be done"**

The enemy regularly changes his tactics.



Do you?



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"As a Soldier and an American, reaching a point like this shows the strides we have made," said Sgt 1st. Class Orvie B. Baker Jr., MNC-I EO/HR office senior advisor and the Soldier who put today's program together.

"We've come along way; you see just in the Army alone Soldiers from different walks of life working together for one common goal," he said.

With military personnel serving in Iraq, the ceremony brought home the message of freedom and the sacrifices made for that freedom.

"Just as we are prepared to do here in Iraq, Dr. King gave his life for freedom," said Dunn.

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TF 30TH MEDICAL BRIGADE

Victory Medics

**Noncommissioned
Officer Induction
Ceremony**

January 21, 2006

6:30 P.M.

Al Faw Palace Ball Room

Guest Speaker:

Command Sgt. Maj. Ralph R. Beam,
MNC-I Command Sergeant Major

One Team!

Billeting issues a concern for new Soldiers

Story and photo by
Sgt. Joe M. Battle

MNC-I PAO

New Soldiers arriving at Camp Victory are finding that living space may not be as available as previously told to them.

"When 5th Corps arrived to relieve the 18th Airborne Corps at Camp Victory recently, they brought more Soldiers than we had available living spaces," said Sgt. 1st Class Dennis D. Hime, 5th Corps billeting noncommissioned officer.

Some Soldiers may have to make their new home in temporary tents until billeting becomes available, he added.

Hime acts as the military liaison between 5th Corps and Kellogg, Brown and Root, the owner of the billets.

"We are moving, on average, 10 Soldiers a day into billeting," said Hime. The number of people receiving trailers is based on the number of people moving out, Hime said.

Also, he added, Soldiers cannot move into any room available.

"Billeting assignments are based on factors such as rank, gender. Also, if two Soldiers are married, we try to move them into the same room," said Hime.

"Another problem we have is Soldiers coming to the office telling us about an empty room and wondering why they cannot move into it," said Hime. "We are sharing billeting with various units here, and just because a room is empty, does not mean that 5th Corps owns it."

A waiting list has been created to inform Soldiers waiting for empty quarters, he said.

"The waiting list is located in Bldg. 39 on the sign-in desk and it is the best way to find your position on the list," said Sgt. Reuben C. Strother, 5th Corps assistant billeting NCO.

"The list shows the overall position a Soldier is on the list, not their actual placing based on



Sgt. 1st Class Dennis D. Hime, 5th Corps billeting NCO (left) and Sgt. Reuben C. Strother, 5th Corps assistant billeting NCO check a list of available rooms for Soldiers awaiting on billeting.

rank or gender," he added. "Even though a Soldier may be number 419, he may only have 15 people ahead of him meeting the same requirements."

"Another problem this office comes across is people we call 'squatters'," said Strother, 5th Corps assistant billeting NCO. "Squatters are people who move into billets without proper authorization."

"People who are found living in billets they have not been assigned will be informed to vacate the room or will be reported to their chain of command," he added.

For people living in tents, it is just a matter of time before they get a room assignment, said Hime.

"Another important thing to remember is

the fact that if a Soldier signed up for a tent, it doesn't mean that he signed up to be placed on the billeting waiting list," he added.

"A Soldier seeking billets must have signed up for both lists when he arrived to receive billeting," he said.

"If a Soldier has a problem with his billeting, he needs to address the military liaisons, not the civilians working in our office," said Hime. "The only time a Soldier needs to address the civilians in the office is when there is a physical discrepancy with their billets, such as a leaking roof or a broken door."

We are trying to make the transition for 5th Corps as easy as possible, he added. "My advice for everyone in tents is to stay patient and we will help you as soon as possible."

76th Army Band set to perform

Story by
Pfc. Sean C. Finch
MNC-I PAO

The 76th Army Band is currently preparing for a concert scheduled to be near the Camp Liberty Post Exchange, Jan. 29.

"From Maroon 5 to Led Zeppelin, we will help break

the monotony of everyday life for troops stationed in the area," said Sgt. Anthony Capalad, the drummer for the 76th Army Band.

The band arrived last week as part of 5th Corps, which is now in Camp Victory to replace the 18th Airborne Corps.

"Since our arrival, we have

wasted no time in tuning our instruments and honing our musical talent for the deployed troops' entertainment," he added.

"We are ready to rock and roll for anyone who chooses to listen, whether they are passing by the food court or coming for the entire show," said Capalad.

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Voices of Victory:

What are your impressions of Camp Victory/Liberty?



"I have been here a month now and I think that this place is very nice."

Pvt. Matthew Haskett,
10th Mountain Division



This place is in fantastic shape and I am extremely happy to be here instead of somewhere else in Iraq"

Capt. Erik Hand,
MNC-I 22nd Signal BDE



I've been here before so the place is nothing new for me; but, for now, the weather is nice and the post has really grown up."

Sgt. Nathan Roth,
MNC-I C2

Operating Hours

Coalition Cafe

Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Dinner 5:30 - 8 p.m.
Midnight Dining 11 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Sports Oasis

Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Dinner 5:30 - 9 p.m.

Shopette

Open 24 Hours

Camp Liberty Post Exchange

Everyday 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Fitness Center

Open 24 Hours

Chapel (Bldg. 31)

Sunday:

Protestant Service 7 and 8:45 a.m.
Catholic Mass 10:30 a.m.
Gospel Service Noon
Mormon (LDS) 2 p.m.
Episcopal 4 p.m.
Full Life Service 6 p.m.

Saturday:

7th Day Adventist 11 a.m.
Catholic Mass 8 p.m.

Mini-Chapel (Bldg. 2)

Friday:

Jewish Service 6:30 p.m.
Eastern Orthodox services:

Saturday:

Vespers 5 p.m.
Confession 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study 7 p.m.

Sunday:

Divine Liturgy 9 a.m.

Post Office

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.

Golby Troop Medical Clinic

Sick Call Hours:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - noon

Dental Sick Call:

Monday - Friday 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Saturday 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Mental Health Clinic:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - noon

Post Deployment Health Briefings:

Monday - Friday 1 p.m.

Pharmacy:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - noon



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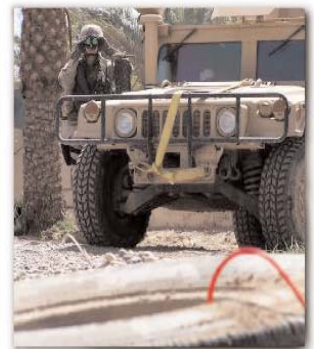
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Victory MWR Events for January 17 - 23

Today: Ping Pong Tournament at Bldg. 51; Dominoes Tournament at Bldg. 124 at 8 p.m.; At the Gym: Tae Kwon Do from 6 - 7 p.m. and Fencing from 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Wednesday: Spades Tournament at Bldg. 51; Ping Pong Tournament at Bldg. 124; At the Gym: Aerobics from 5 - 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Boxing from 8 - 9 p.m.

Thursday: Country Night at Bldg. 124; At the Gym: Tae-Kwon-Do from 6 - 7 p.m.; Sambo/Ju-Jitsu from 9 - 10 p.m.

Friday: Latin Dance Night at 9 p.m. at Bldg. 51; First-run movies at Bldg. 124; At the Gym: Aerobics from 5 - 6:30 a.m.

and 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Fencing from 7 - 9 p.m.

Saturday: Football Tournament (Friday and Saturday); First-run movies at Bldg. 51; At the Gym: Tae-Kwon-Do from 6 - 7 p.m.; Boxing from 8 - 9 p.m.

Sunday: Chess Tournament at Bldg. 124 and Bldg. 51 at 8 p.m.; Martin Luther King, Jr. 5K Run.; Fencing from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Monday: Chess Tournament at Bldg. 124; 9-Ball Tournament at Bldg. 51; At the Gym: Aerobics from 5 - 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Boxing from 8 - 9 p.m.

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